January 24, 1974

Mr. Stanley Taylor
Superintendent of Schools
Newark Board of Education
31 Green Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We look forward to our meeting with you next Wednesday, January 30th at 1:30 p.m. We are hopeful that this will be the first of a series of sessions leading to agreement about conditions under which the Ironbound Community School can become a part of the Newark Public School System.

We wish to restate the following facts about the Ironbound Community School:

1. Certification: Each of our class groupings has a fully certifiable teacher. We anticipate no difficulties in meeting Board and State requirements for certified teaching staff.

2. Admissions: We have always admitted students on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to race, religion or national origin. Our present enrollment is representative of the racial ethnic and religious groups in the Ironbound Community. We charge no tuition.

3. "Public" School: In every way – except funding -- the Community School functions as a "public" school. It has a commitment to both serving and being "public". Parents participate in all levels of planning and operating the school. The school is open to all visitors.

For the past year, we have continually pressed our efforts to work with the Newark Board of Education and become a part of the public school system.

Recognizing that you are now planning next years budget, we are hopeful that you will keep our potential contribution to the Newark system in mind. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Terry Gaeta

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For the Parents & Staff

cc/ Mayor Kenneth Gibson
William Brown
Dr. Edward Pfeffer
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